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**From:** Michael DiLaurenzio  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 3, 2003 11:14 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

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Michael DiLaurenzio (sun209@optonline.net) writes:

Commissioner Adelstein,

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for your stand against the easing of the media ownership rules. I did hear your speech at yesterdays (June 2nd) FCC meeting and was glad to see someone speaking out for the American people. Unfortunately, yourself and Commissioner Copps were out numbered in the final vote...I hope our Congress (which I will be contacting my represenitves in short order)will take a look at this matter and act in the public interest and not bow to the corporate interests.

Thanks again

Michael DiLaurenzio  
New York

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**From:** Eric Larsen  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 1:35 AM  
**Subject:** no deregulation

I am a citizen, and voter. No to deregulation of the airwaves. An informed, educated public is a prerequisite to democracy. Monopolization of media outlets will not inform or educate the public. Diversity in media sources is crucial for our democracy. people need to be given the opportunity to think.  
Keep the airwaves free of monopoly.  
Eric Larsen.

**From:** GDC30A@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 1:36 AM  
**Subject:** June 2, 2003 meeting

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I believe it is critical that there be more public information and discussion prior to any decision being made at the June 2, 2003 meeting. This is especially important to many of us who do not totally understand all the ramifications but do feel that consolidation of media is not in the best interests of the American public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Glenn D. Carlson

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** Harlan Bauer  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 1:40 AM  
**Subject:** Please reconsider

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Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

As an American concerned about our essential liberties, I implore you to reconsider relaxing the current rules on media ownership that is to take place Monday, June 2, 2003. At the very least, please consider delaying the vote until the particulars of this important issue can be openly and knowledgeably debated by the people of the United States in order to guarantee a truly "informed consent of the governed".

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Harlan Bauer  
 Skokie, IL

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"A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on."

--Winston Churchill

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**From:** David Kezell  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner  
**Adelstein**  
**Date:** Fri, Jun 13, 2003 1:46 AM  
**Subject:** Please Do Not Relax Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Commissioners,  
Please do not relax existing broadcast ownership rules. Much of domestic media is already monopolized and one-sided. Allowing further domination by the few will erode our rights of free speech. Thank you for your condieration.

David Kezell  
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**From:** William B. McAnally Jr.  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10:55 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

William B. McAnally Jr. (wbmc96@hotmail.com) writes:

Dear Mr Adelstein:

This is a letter I have sent to your friends on the FCC board. Thank you Mr. Adelstein for your support in this!!

I am outraged at the actions of the Federal Communications Commission in their Broadcast Ownership Rules change. This is most certainly a slap in the face to the American people by a Federal bureaucracy that appears to have an agenda similar to that of Saddam Hussian or even Adolf Hitler. This organization has apparently forgotten that the U S.A. is supposed to be An Idea of a country ruled OF, BY, AND FOR THE PEOPLE!

The rollback of the Broadcast Ownership Rules in a manner such as this will certainly advance corporate greed, and create many opportunities for media monopolies while destroying any consumer protection in American Broadcasting.

I am extremely disappointed in my elected leaders apparent lack of involvement in this issue. I am fully aware that elected officials do not vote on any actions inside the FCC, but I am also painfully aware of how elected officials can exert their influence to the appointed members. I believe they should have made known to the Commission Board just how terribly bad this decision will be for America, and I am saddened by their lack of action.

Something must be done to repair this reckless and irresponsible decision. Unfortunately, these people cannot be voted in or out as they are appointed positions. Therefore, their actions are reflected upon the one that placed them in that position. The only option the average American has is to take notes, and remember all atrocities on Election Day.

Sincerely,  
William B. McAnally Jr.

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**Date:** Tue, Jun 3, 2003 11:11 AM  
**Subject:** Increase regulation of the media!

Dear Congresspersons,

Have our schools quit teaching basic economics? The law of lassie faire capitalism is that unregulated capitalism leads to monopolies. While a monopoly is the most efficient business model since there is no duplication of services (i.e. jobs) since there is no competition, the monopoly (i.e.. Microsoft), will set prices as high as the market will bear (i.e. Enron).

It's not just that corporations buy media time and drown out other voices. In an unregulated environment, corporations buy the media. Westinghouse and General Electric, major defense contractors and polluters, own CBS and NBC. Can we expect them to report objectively on themselves? Due to deregulation, fewer and fewer giant corporations control what's in print and on television.

Rather than trying to get the courts to reverse the FCC decision, why not try to get Powell impeached and/or removed for corruption, racketeering, and conspiracy. It should be maintained that it is a direct violation of the prohibition against abridging the freedom of speech and of the press. An agent of the Government aiding and abetting monopolistic practices for someone's private gain at the expense of the people should be considered a shameful and criminal act. How can anyone with a conscience claim that programming is improving and truthfulness and honesty is increasing in the media.

We dont want FOX News to spread its propaganda across a larger market. We dont want Clear Channel to decide what is or isnt politically correct for a larger and larger demographic. We want diversity, competition, opposing views. Thats what America is all about. Regulations are what preserve capitalism as a financial system that works. Government is required to govern capitalism and maintain controls in the form of regulations. Yes Mr. Powell, the rules ARE outdated in todays market where only 8 CEOs opinions blanket the vast majority of the market. Instead of 35% ownership it should be limited to 10%. Remove Chairman Powell from office. Mandate an equal division between Republican and Democrat members of the FCC and the judiciary. Rewrite the regulations of media ownership to limit access to 10% of the market to enforce diversity and promote competition.

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**From:** shawn sandon  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 3:23 PM  
**Subject:** STOP LOOSENING MEDIA OWNERSHIP LIMITS

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**From:** tazo.tazo  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 3:04 PM  
**Subject:** Today's FCC Ruling

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Dear Ms. Abernathy:

This is to let you know how terribly disappointed I am regarding your vote to go ahead with FCC changes. Obviously you have ignored the people's voices, choosing rather to place the importance on large corporations, big money and monopolies. Today is just one more sad day for the ordinary people of the United States and for that I am deeply ashamed!

Sincerely,

Janet Rigoli

**From:** David Watchorn  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 3:13 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

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Diminished Freedom of Speech and Freedom of the Press. With Public Servants like you who needs enemies.

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**From:** Gunther R.  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 3:16 PM  
**Subject:** Another defeat for democracy in the U.S.

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Dear Gentlemen:  
Dear Ms. Abernathy:

Although I am not surprised about the direction each of you chose in today's vote on media ownership I am deeply disappointed that the Republican members of this commission have so little sense about what furthers and what hurts democracy. We anticipated all along how your vote will look like after you clearly conveyed to us that you do not care about how we feel about this very important issue; otherwise you had joined Commissioner Copps and Adelstein and stood answer to our many and worried questions at the hearings. The decision today is a defeat for democracy.

I promise we will make every effort to get this autocratic, utterly corrupt administration out of office in 2004 and with it, three of you.

Thank you, Commissioners Copps and Adelstein, for your vote of opposition to this irresponsible piece of regulation.

Sincerely,

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**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 3:21 PM

**Subject:** FCC Unleashes Weapons of Mass Media Destruction - CCC Press Release

All,

Below please find the Center for the Creative Community's press release regarding today's FCC order regarding the relaxation or elimination of media ownership limits.

For your convenience, we have attached the press release and the testimony to this e-mail as both a WORD .doc and an Adobe .pdf file.

If you have any questions or cannot read the release, please call us.

Thank you,

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Below is the text of the press release:

FCC Unleashes Weapons of Mass Media Destruction

Casualties Heavy; Creativity, Public Interest, Democracy Among Wounded

Washington, D.C , June 2, 2003. "Today, by relaxing or eliminating its long-standing media ownership

limits, the FCC unleashed its own weapons of mass destruction against competition, diversity of viewpoints, localism, creativity, and independence in our nation's media," says Jonathan Rintels, Executive Director of the Center for the Creative Community. "The heavy casualties include not only America's Creative Community, but most importantly, the American public and our nation's democracy. By allowing further concentration and consolidation of America's already overly-concentrated media, the FCC's actions ignore overwhelming evidence, as well as public opinion, and cannot be justified under the law as 'in the public interest.'"

"Throughout the Commission's order there are glaring inconsistencies and lapses in logic," notes Rintels. "For example, despite the independent credible evidence in the record that five media conglomerates are on the verge of controlling the same amount of the American television audience, broadcast and cable combined, as the three broadcast networks did prior to the widespread adoption of cable, the Commission uses the widespread availability of cable to justify raising the national television ownership cap to 45 percent from 35 percent. Yet, in calculating the amount of the national audience that network-owned stations cover, the Commission retains the 50 percent UHF discount because 40 million Americans don't receive cable. If the availability of cable is the rationale for increasing the national ownership cap, thus eliminating diversity of viewpoints and localism, it should also be the rationale for eliminating the UHF discount.

"With voluminous evidence in the record that the major networks now monopolize the production of television programs they broadcast, and that diversity of viewpoints, creativity, and quality of television are harmed, the Commission's failure to address the critical need to restore independent voices to television program production does not serve the public interest. When groups from across the ideological spectrum, including the Center for the Creative Community, the Hollywood Guilds, three former network presidents -- Barry Diller of Fox, Grant Tinker of NBC, and Ted Turner of Turner Communications - the conservative Parents Television Council, and so many others, all agree that the public is harmed by the lack of independent programming on television, the Commission's refusal to address this issue is deeply troubling.

"The majority of the FCC's commissioners have apparently concluded there is enough diversity of viewpoints on American television. Unfortunately, Professor Mara Einstein, who conducted the FCC's own study on diversity of viewpoints in television, does not agree. She has publicly called for 'more, not less, regulation.' Nor does the public agree. Of the 750,000 public comments received by the FCC, 99.9 percent oppose further relaxation or elimination of media ownership limits. With the American public so overwhelmingly and unanimously on record, the FCC or the Congress must act as soon as possible to prevent the further elimination of diversity of viewpoints on television by restricting the network monopolization of television entertainment program production.

"Research shows many Americans receive their information regarding democracy, politics, news, values, history, and culture from television entertainment programming, such as *West Wing*, *The Practice*, *Law and Order*, and other shows. Thus, the stakes for our nation are far higher than whether we will all be doomed to a future of bland television. Today, without even giving the public the opportunity to comment on its specific proposed rules, as the law requires, the FCC put the health and vitality of our democracy at risk.

"The Supreme Court has held that 'promoting the widespread dissemination of information from a

multiplicity of sources' is a government interest of the 'highest order.' In its rhetoric today, but not its actions, the FCC acknowledges this is indeed the law of the land. But the public interest requires more than rhetoric. We call on the FCC to commence as soon as possible a new rulemaking to address the lack of diversity of viewpoints in the production of network television programming.

"The Center for the Creative Community concurs with FCC Commissioners Capps and Adelstein that perhaps a ray of hope can emerge from this proceedings otherwise terrible outcome - that the American public has awakened to the threat posed to its media and airwaves by the FCC's actions today. We call on the Congress to heed the public's outcry and take action as soon as possible to protect and promote independent voices and diverse points of view in American television.

The Center for the Creative Community, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization providing research, public education, and policy development on behalf of the tens of thousands of individual writers, directors, producers, performers, and other talented people who give life to America's popular and literary works of art and entertainment. The CCC's Board of Advisors is made up of numerous winners of Oscars, Emmys, Tonys, Peabodys, and other awards for creative excellence.

The CCC's Board of Advisors is made up of prominent members of the Creative Community and academia, including:

Tony Adams, prolific producer, "10," "Switch," "Blind Date," "Skin Deep," "Victor Victoria" (film and Broadway)

Hinton Battle, three time Tony winner.

Lionel Chetwynd, award-winning writer, director, producer. ("Varian's War," "Kissinger and Nixon," "Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz."

Blake Edwards, award-winning director, writer, producer, one of only three recipients of the prestigious Preston Sturges Award given jointly by the DGA and WGA, awarded the French Legion of Honor, winner of the French Cesar.

Diane English, multiple Emmy-winning writer and producer, creator of "Murphy Brown."

Marshall Goldberg, award winning writer, ("Life Goes On," "LA Law," "The Paper Chase," "Newhart," attorney, Chairman of the Writers Guild Industry-Health Fund and Producer - Writers Guild Pension Plan.

Craig Haffner, President & CEO Greystone Television , Emmy Award winning Producer.

Leonard Hill, prolific producer and leading member of the prestigious Caucus for Television Producers, Writers, and Directors.

Charles Holland, writer-producer, "Soul Food."

Gregory Allen Howard, award-winning screenwriter, "Remember the Titans," "Ali."

Martin Kaplan, Associate Dean, USC Annenberg School For Communication and Director, The Norman Lear Center (as well as a screenwriter).

Richard Masur, actor, director, former President of the Screen Actors Guild.

Sandra Ortiz, Executive Director, Center For Communication Law and Policy, University of Southern California School of Law & Annenberg School of Communication.

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David Rintels, multiple Emmy and Peabody-winning writer-producer, "Darrow," "Sakharov," "Andersonville," "World War II: When Lions Roared."

Victoria Riskin, President of the Writers Guild of America, west, and award winning writer-producer.

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Sissy Spacek, Oscar-winning actress.

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**From:** Mark Anderson  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:15 AM  
**Subject:** Decision

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Dear Chairman Powell:

I understand that you are going to decide on whether to relax merging and ownership rules for media companies.

I ask that you keep the current rules in place rather than weaken them. Considering that the public owns the airways and that my request is better than the alternative for the majority, I think this is the logical choice.

For our country's health and safety, please reinforce the laws of fairness and truth--be they for or only parallel to free market forces. We the people finance public media, so the information disseminators should devote some public time for the common good.

Thank you,  
Virginia Anderson

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**From:** Mark Anderson  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 12:18 AM  
**Subject:** Decision

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Received by Michael Copps (mcc@ncsl.org)  
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**From:** Harlan Bauer  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 1:43 AM  
**Subject:** Please reconsider

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Dear Commissioner Copps,

Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20541

As an American concerned about our essential liberties, I implore you to reconsider relaxing the current rules on media ownership that is to take place Monday, June 2, 2003. At the very least, please consider delaying the vote until the particulars of this important issue can be openly and knowledgeably debated by the people of the United States in order to guarantee a truly "informed consent of the governed".

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Harlan Bauer  
Skokie, IL

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"A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on."

--Winston Churchill



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**From:** carol anderson  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 2:03 AM  
**Subject:** STRENGTHEN FCC REGULATIONS

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Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20541

As an American citizen, I demand that you meet the job requirements of your Commissioner position by enforcing stronger FCC regulations in regard to multi-media ownership by a few moguls rather than the de-regulation that is proposed that would infringe on the democratic rights of all citizens to have information from all points of view. Critical thinking is not about fault finding. It is about having an informed opinion on a given issue by being able to find out who each of the stakeholders connected to that issue is, and to find out what each of their positions is. De-regulation in many areas has not worked in the best interests of the American people (think ENRON and manipulation of electricity supplies & rates). Democracy depends on an open society with freedom to all points of view.....ownership of all multi media by a handful of special interests will not provide these democratic rights. We demand the regulation that will not allow this sole access

Mrs. Carol Anderson & 3 registered voters

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**From:** Don Gerring  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 2:06 AM  
**Subject:** Your duty on the FCC

I beg you to NOT allow fewer greedy corporations and individuals to control more of the media than they already do! The news is already ALL THE SAME and we, the people are not being served! Do not let the greed of those in power (corruption is ruining the country) to fool you. You must do what is in the "best interests of the public," and more diversity in ownership will allow this. Please! DON GERRING

**From:** Russ Swerdon  
**To:** Mike Powell, Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 2:08 AM  
**Subject:** consolidation

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Gentlemen:

I strongly urge you to refrain from proceeding to relax ownership rules in television, newspapers, and other media. Allowing further cross ownership and consolidation would not be in the best interests of the majority of Americans.

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**From:** O6679119@aol.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 2:25 AM  
**Subject:** Thank you so much for trying

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**From:** k.c.corwin@att.net  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 3:40 PM  
**Subject:** Breaking News - FCC does not represent the public interest

Hello. I just wanted to write you all a note to let you know how much you have failed to represent the public you serve. When I read the news today that you decided to relax the rules on media ownership, I laughed. I laughed because you seem to think people dont know exactly what you are up to. I laughed because you dont seem to think this is as big a deal as it is. I laughed because I would be writing this letter, only to have it deleted or at best, have it glanced over by some staffer who keeps a tally on what people are writing about. You have obviously lost touch with the general public and you do not deserve the privilege to work where you do. I am of course only referring to the three of you who voted against democracy, freedom and truth today.

KC

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**From:** Swivel Hips Smith  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Jun 2, 2003 3:43 PM  
**Subject:** Nice work

As an up-and-coming artist, and most importantly, as an American, I am COMPLETELY DISGUSTED with the FCC right now. You have lost all respect in my eyes as a legitimate governing body.

This country was founded on the principles of diversity and opinion, and you have effectively stifled that. YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES!

This country is going to shit, and you're now leading the way. Thank you for taking away another one of my rights.

Erik  
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